

Remarks:

Claims 1-4 remain in the application. Claims 5-7 have been cancelled.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 5-7 have been rejected as being anticipated by Komiyama et al. (US Pat. No. 5,110,388) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 5-7 have been cancelled.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 3 on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 1-4 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

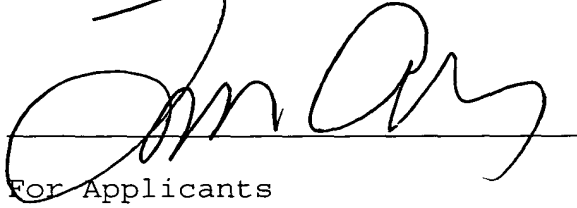
After cancellation of claims 5-7, the invention of the third named inventor Sylvia Winter is no longer being claimed in the instant application. A separate request has been submitted to correct the inventorship.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the

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Respectfully submitted,

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